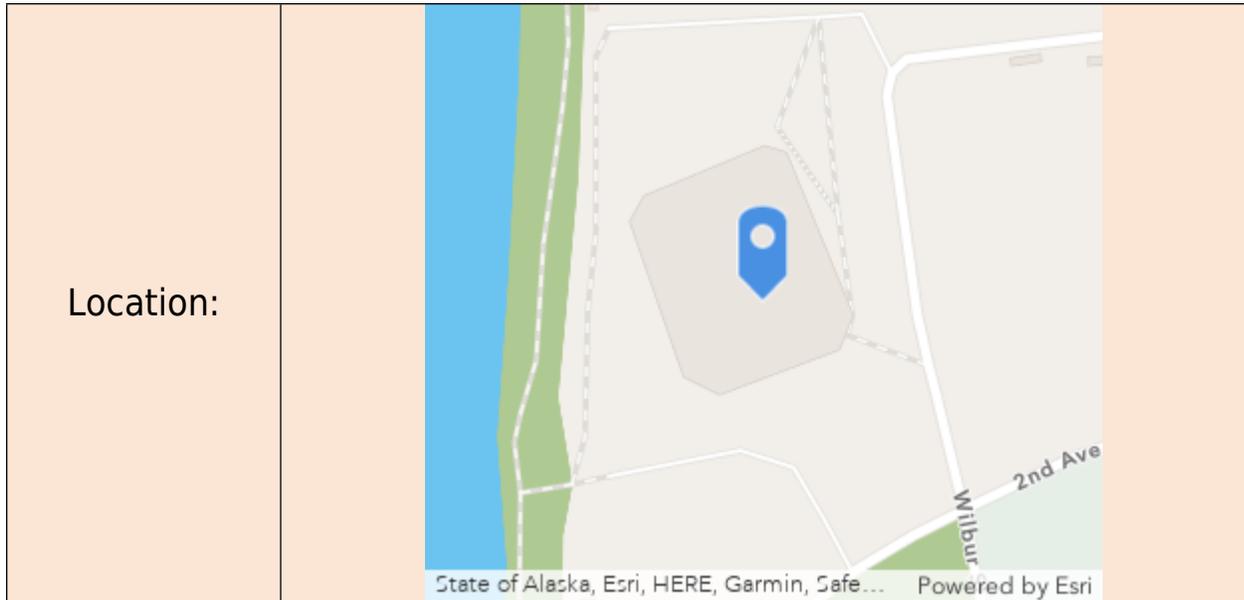




FNSB Project Nomination Form
Submission Date: September 9, 2021

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Project Information	
Proposed Name:	Indoor Community Playground
Project Description:	This project would build an indoor playground facility within the Carlson Center, or other acceptable facility, to provide year-round access to inclusive play. The playground would be fully inclusive for all abilities and ages.



Safety Code and Compliance	
Reduce or Eliminate health risk:	Yes
Explanation:	Exercise and social interaction is important for community health and the local climate limits the ability for free play. This facility would improve access to healthy activities for our community.
Current Facility Condition:	This is a new facility
Explanation:	
Improves Accessibility Compliance:	Yes
Explanation:	Existing outdoor playgrounds are not accessible during winter months.

Facility Condition



Facility Age since construction:	This is a new facility
Replace an existing facility:	No
Current condition:	
Facility Notes:	

Project Funding	
Status of Project Funding:	No Funding
Source of Secured Funding:	Funding would be solicited from a variety of funding sources.
Unknown Funding Notes:	
Funding Sponsors:	Yes
Match Requirement Info:	Yes
Match Amount Info:	Unknown
Project Funding Notes:	Funding would be solicited from a variety of funding sources.
Organization Contribution:	Yes
Source of Funds Contributed:	CIPMR
Project Funding Attachment:	

Environmental Info	
Contamination Cleanup:	No
Cleanup Notes:	
Improvements to Air Quality:	No
Air Quality Notes:	
Reduction of Stormwater:	No
Stormwater Notes:	
Improvements to Groundwater:	No



Groundwater Notes:	
Improvements to Energy Efficiency:	No
Energy Notes:	

Public Usage	
Improves Customer Experience:	Yes
Explanation:	There are no public indoor playground facilities in Fairbanks. Outdoor playgrounds are generally unappealing during the winter given the lack of sunlight and cold temperatures. They can be unsafe in the winter due to frozen ground and slippery structures.
Served by Fixed Transit Route:	Yes
Explanation:	Most large Parks and Rec facilities are on bus routes.
Improves Facility Capacity:	Yes
Explanation:	Providing an indoor play area to any facility will increase use and capacity.

Ongoing Maintenance Cost	
Reduction to Utility Expenses:	No
Explanation:	
Reduction to Maintenance Expenses:	No



Explanation:	
Extends Existing Facility Life:	No
Explanation:	

Planning and Design	
Project has Complete Designs:	No
Explanation:	
Scope or Engineering Studies Done:	Yes
Explain Work Done to Date:	Many communities have examples of indoor playgrounds that can be used.

Budget/Population/Support	
Impact on Operation Budget:	Increase the operating budget
Explanation:	This will be added to an existing facility but additional cleaning and supervision may be necessary.
Type of Population Served	Regional areawide users
Description of Needs Met:	This will be a VERY popular facility during winter months and inclement summer weather.
Applicable Form of Support:	General public support or letters from residents
Explanation of Levels of Support:	Public comments received from a survey conducted in the spring of 2019 are attached. Survey respondents ranked



	"indoor facilities" as the second most important priority (29% of all survey respondents) behind "trails" (44%).
Meets Goals or Objectives:	Yes
Explanation:	This CIP meets goals and objectives from nearly every community plan. Additional indoor recreation facilities are listed multiple time in the Foundation Health Partners Community Health Plan.
Project Support Attachments:	Metro Quest Indoor Playground.pdf

Project Cost	
Estimated Cost:	1,000,000
Explanation:	An indoor playground would provide year-round opportunities for recreation. It is important for communities in northern climates to have attractive indoor recreation spaces to promote active lifestyles. An indoor playground will maintain a high quality of life for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, which in turn will help attract and keep young families in our community.



INDOOR PLAYGROUND

INSPIRATION AND IDEAS



Fairview Recreation Center, Anchorage, AK (coming soon!)



Williston Recreation Area, Williston, ND



Greystone Recreation Center, Raleigh, NC



Rustad Recreation Center, Fargo, ND

Public Comments regarding an Indoor Playground received in the Community Engagement Survey, Spring 2019

1. A multi use indoor facility that has a running track, turf football field/ soccer field, and play area for smaller kids and eating/ picnic space
2. An indoor facility that has a playground, track, workout equipment, conference rooms, and a big indoor field! Let's have a place where these littles can run amuck in the winter!
3. An indoor play area similar to the one at Eielson would be AMAZING during the winter!!! If it included a play area for children, some sports courts, and a workout area that would be ideal!
4. "An indoor playground, new pool.
5. An indoor playground. I work with a teen with disabilities and if he could swing all year it would be priceless. Also other disabled children and all children a no McDonalds playground 😊😊😊
6. and indoor playground would be fantastic!
7. Getting one really awesome community-built, accessible playground for our young kids would be fantastic too. More trails to connect parks and playgrounds, to create more loops between facilities would help families plan longer outings and spend the whole day just traveling between parks!
8. Big indoor playground. More turf fields. Update playgrounds.
9. Big picture, Fairbanks needs an indoor facility for multiple use by tennis, pickleball, soccer, basketball and volleyball. A separate facility, just need a bathroom and drinking faucet, no need for showers. Pie in the sky would be an all inclusive facility with all amenities.
10. Definitely need an indoor space playground track for winter and rainy day use!!!
11. Definitely need more to do indoors for kiddos during the winter... Roller skating would be amazing!!!
12. Fairbanks need an indoor rec center it is sad that McDonald's is the only place for indoor recreation in this town.
13. Fairbanks needs an indoor track, playground where parents can workout while their kids play (like the MAC center in eagle river or Arctic Oasis on JBER). Can we use the old Lamonts or Kmart buildings?
14. Fairbanks needs an indoor turf, track, playgroup
15. I would love for Fairbanks to have an indoor play area for children. The winters are long and it would be nice to have a place for kids to go run and play.
16. "I would love to have a playground indoors that could be used in the winter- just enough warmth to be snow free and offer the ability to move freely and burn energy for children.
17. I would support an indoor play area and dedicated walking track combined with a new aquatics center
18. I think indoor activities are especially important over the long winter. I appreciate the opportunity to walk indoors at the Dipper when it is too cold and slippery outside. "
19. In indoor recreational facility is needed. Something with an indoor track, indoor basketball court, and indoor roller hockey skating area. Something that's affordable for families and community

leagues/teams to meet out and rent out for a reasonable price. A place that's safe and promotes family and community togetherness during our long winter months.

20. "Indoor Park! Winter is long, and the trampoline park is expensive!
21. indoor play area and dedicated walking track combined with a new aquatics center
22. Indoor playground
23. Indoor playground for ages 0-16
24. Indoor playground, roller skate rink
25. Indoor playgrounds
26. It would be nice if there was a big indoor playground.
27. Like the facilities in Juneau. Also rooms to rent. Swimming pools with open swim, laps, and a toddler area. Workout room with workout equipment
28. More indoor facilities, indoor playgrounds and maybe even a skating rink to help burn energy during winter.
29. More kid friendly indoor spaces. Indoor soccer field!
30. The thing we need desperately is an indoor facility with a full playground! And an area for kids to ride bicycles (like a bicycle track) and just a big space to run! That is what is missing and we have needed it for so so long!
31. Also an indoor playground for the young kids in winter!!"
32. Would love an indoor park with a track and field, playground, workout equipment and a little food court.
33. Would love to see a low cost indoor playground and a roller rink
34. More to do inside during winter months other than swimming.... A indoor playground, roller skating, basketball....
35. Newer facilities with more modern offerings. Lets invest in the future of our community!!
36. Not enough options. We need more indoor sport areas for the winter that are accessible to local teams, families, and individuals!



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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Haas, Acting Parks and Recreation Director, Fairbanks North Star Borough

THROUGH: Sharon Wittenkeller, Administrative Assistant III Clerk *SW*

FROM: Mark Oldmixon, Parks and Recreation Commission, Chairperson *MO*

DATE: August 19, 2021

SUBJECT: **2022 CIP PROJECT LIST PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LETTER OF SUPPORT**

At their August 16, 2021 regular meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend support of Department of Parks and Recreation 2022 CIP nomination list as listed below and adding the North Star Athletic Complex.

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Department of Parks and Recreation
Capital Improvement 2022 Nomination List

Chena Lake Improvements
Carlson Center Remodel and Expansion
PPK Playground Upgrades and Replacement
Growden Park Revitalization
Fifth Avenue Park Revitalization
Isberg Recreation Area Master Plan Implementation
North Pole High School Ice Rink Phase I & II
Fairbanks Lions Recreation Area (FLRA) Revitalization
Tanana Lakes Recreation Area Improvements
Parks Maintenance Shop
Griffin Park Safety, Access, and Rehabilitation
Peede Road Open Space
Equinox Marathon Trail Extension and Completion
Weeks Field at Noel Wien Library
Chena River Park
PPK Cabin Foundations, Structure Safety, and Roofs
PPK Maintenance Shop, Park Office, and Chena Heritage Parking
Indoor Playground
Welcome to Fairbanks Signage
Artificial Turf Complex Improvements
Skyline Ridge and Goldstream Valley Trail System
South Davis Park Master Plan Implementation

PPK Utility Mapping and Repairs
PPK Cabin 35A and Old Train Depot Removal, Abatement, and / or Repair
PPK Boat Launch Dredging and Boat Ramp
PPK SS Nenana and Harding Car Full Restoration
PPK Carousel Enclosure
PPK Kashim Removal and Restoration
PPK Chena Heritage Multi-Purpose Center
Hamilton Acres Park Renovation
Trail a Year
North Pole Sports Hub
Hamme Pool Climbing Wall
North Star Athletic Complex